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SUBJECT: ROK FOREIGN OFFICE CONCERNED OVER LAOTIAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. MOFA ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR O CHAE-HUI TOLD POL COUNS MAY 8 THAT ROKG WAS CONCERNED OVER WHAT APPEARED TO BE RAPIDLY DETERIORATING SITUATION IN LAOS. HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM ROK EMBASSY VIENTIANE THAT COMMUNIST ELEMENTS WOULD STAGE DEMONSTRATIONS IN CAPITAL MAY 10 AND 11 AND THAT FOREIGNERS HAD BEEN WARNED TO STAY INDOORS. ACCORDING TO REPORT, FOREIGN NATIONALS WORKING FOR ROYAL LAO AIRLINES HAVE ALSO BEEN QUIETLY ADVISED TO LEAVE COUNTRY.

2. O REQUESTED THAT US EMBASSY LAOS BE ASKED TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ROK EMBASSY AND TO BRIEF ROK STAFF ON US ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION. O ALSO ASKED THAT US EMBASSY RENDER ASSISTANCE TO ROK EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATS FROM VIENTIANE. (FYI: MOFA NERVOUSNESS OVER EVACUATION STEMS FROM FACT THAT NINE ROK DIPLOMATS WERE UNABLE TO BOARD EVACUATION HELICOPTERS IN SAIGON AND ARE STILL STRANDED THERE).
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